

Frame, Susannah

From: Holloway, Jerry N [Jerry_N_Holloway@rl.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2013 2:22 PM
To: Frame, Susannah
Cc: Britton, John C; Walker, Russ
Subject: RE: inquiry from KING Television (NBC affiliate) in Seattle

Susannah,
Have left messages on both your office and cell phone.
Jerry

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From: Frame, Susannah [mailto:sframe@king5.com]
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2013 1:39 PM
To: Holloway, Jerry N
Cc: Britton, John C; Walker, Russ
Subject: inquiry from KING Television (NBC affiliate) in Seattle

Hi Jerry,
My name is Susannah Frame and I am an investigative reporter at KING Television in Seattle. I left a voicemail for both you and John Britton and thought I would follow up with a note.

I wanted to let you know that I am working on a series of investigative reports on AY-102. In a nutshell, we have evidence that WRPS management did not investigate strong indicators that AY-102 was leaking a year before the announcement came from DOE in October 2012 that indeed, waste from the primary tank had leaked into the annulus.

We are requesting an on camera interview with a representative from WRPS for our reports. I would be happy to provide more detail about the information we have and to spell out what types of questions we would be asking. I am specifically requesting to interview Dave Strasser and Mark Lutz in addition to whomever you think would be the most appropriate person to respond.

We plan to be in the Hanford area next week, April 11 and 12. I hope we can work together to set up an interview for one of these days.

Thank you!

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Frame, Susannah

From: Walker, Russ
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 2:16 PM
To: Frame, Susannah
Subject: WRPS responds!

From: Holloway, Jerry N [mailto:Jerry_N_Holloway@rl.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 2:15 PM
To: Walker, Russ; Britton, John C
Subject: RE: KING 5 interview request re: tank AY-102

Russ,
WRPS will not be providing on camera interviews with Mark Lutz, Dave Strasser or Mike Johnson.
We are preparing a written response to your inquiries.
Jerry

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From: Walker, Russ [mailto:rwalker@king5.com]
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 4:31 PM
To: Britton, John C; Holloway, Jerry N
Subject: KING 5 interview request re: tank AY-102

HELLO AGAIN – JUST FOLLOWING UP ON THE EMAIL I SENT ON FRIDAY:

Good afternoon,

My name is Russ Walker and I am the executive producer of KING 5's investigations unit.

As you know, Susannah Frame is working on a report about the leak discovered in the double-shell waste storage tank AY-102.

Last week, she requested an on camera interview with two WRPS employees with responsibility for managing the AY tank farm – Mark Lutz and Dave Strasser.

I would like to reiterate that interview request and additionally request an interview with WRPS President Mike Johnson.

We are closing our reporting for our first story on Tuesday and will air it piece toward the end of next week. Susannah can travel to Richland on Monday or Tuesday to conduct this interview.

It's been a week since our original request. We very much want to include WRPS's voice in our report. Please let me know when we can schedule an interview for Monday or Tuesday.

My contact information is below. If you need to reach me over the weekend, feel free to call my mobile phone.

Frame, Susannah

From: Frame, Susannah
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 6:20 PM
To: Holloway, Jerry N
Cc: Walker, Russ; Britton, John C
Subject: Re: Questions for WRPS from KING 5 News

OK thank you very much .
Susannah

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 16, 2013, at 6:02 PM, "Holloway, Jerry N" <Jerry_N_Holloway@rl.gov> wrote:

Russ, Susannah,
I hope to provide our response to you tomorrow.
Jerry

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Subject: RE: Questions for WRPS from KING 5 News

Jerry,

We appreciate your agreeing to provide us with a statement. When do you think we can expect answers to the questions sent to you earlier this afternoon?

As you already know, we would very much like to conduct an on camera interview with WRPS President Mike Johnson or another WRPS official – a request we first made on April 5. We will continue to make that request in hopes that you will reconsider.

We may have more questions for you in the days and weeks to come.

If Susannah or I can answer any of your questions about our request, please email or give us a call.

Thank you again.

RW

From: Holloway, Jerry N [mailto:Jerry_N_Holloway@rl.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 4:23 PM
To: Walker, Russ

Frame, Susannah

From: Holloway, Jerry N [Jerry_N_Holloway@rl.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 2:38 PM
To: Frame, Susannah
Cc: Britton, John C; Walker, Russ
Subject: RE: KING 5 airdate information and request

Susannah,
Thanks for the heads up on the next story's air date.
And, as you know, Mike won't be doing an on-camera interview.
Jerry

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From: Frame, Susannah [mailto:sframe@king5.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 11:47 AM
To: Holloway, Jerry N
Cc: Britton, John C; Walker, Russ
Subject: KING 5 airdate information and request

Hi Jerry,
I just left you a voicemail and thought I would follow up with an email. Our next story is scheduled to air tomorrow night (Thursday) on the 10 and 11 pm shows. An online version will appear on king5.com sometime after 10 pm. This TV story will outline the additional signs of the leaking tank beyond the first alarm and visual inspection which we focused on in the first TV story. We are using a portion of the statement you sent to us for the TV version.

The second reason I called was to again request an on camera interview with Mike Johnson. We would like to do this on Monday, April 29th, if at all possible. We will reach out to him personally as well with our request.

Thank you,
Susannah

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Frame, Susannah

From: Frame, Susannah
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 9:52 AM
To: 'Holloway, Jerry N'
Cc: Britton, John C; Walker, Russ; Ginther, Mark
Subject: upcoming KING 5 story

Hi Jerry,

Our next story is scheduled to air on Thursday night at 10 and 11 pm. That could change, but that is what my boss has scheduled for now.

This story will focus on how the DOE pays contractors such as WRPS. We will talk about the PBI's and award fees, how much WRPS made in these categories in FY 2012. And we will be asking the question: Is bonus money a motivator to not look into or report bad news? We believe the question is a legitimate one. It's an issue that's been brought up before by the General Accounting Office and others.

We strongly encourage you to participate in this story with an on camera interview. We want to hear from WRPS. We believe we can best serve our viewers and the public by including a representative from WRPS in our story.

We are requesting that you get back to us on this by the close of business today.

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To: Frame, Susannah
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Subject: RE: upcoming KING 5 story

Susannah,

No on-camera interview for WRPS.

I understand DOE has responded or will be responding to you on the topic of contractor payments.

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